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county sent and of their college days with his tutor and occasional attend- self in that activity. Dispatches from Greenville tonight in an obscure Middle-West institu- ance at a lecture. He spends the An interesting comparison was af- give proper attention to the athletic quoted Justice Cothran as stating tion, it was obvious that their taste morning in reading, the afternoon on forded last year when the debating field, devoting some part of his afthat an appeal from his decision and discrimination and catholicity of the athletic field, and the evening in team of a New England college, prize termoon to the sport of his choice. would act as a stay of execution. He viewwoint had been fostered else-conversation. where. And that had been, of course, From the point of view of many of tion, was sent to Oxford to speak jeopardizes his opportunity to derive

> a critical standard that was refresh, are interesting in themselves. ous. In outward appearance and be- erent in age and appearance from a that made us seem ridiculous.

of the application of culture and re- assuming a responsible position in an Cambridge in England. They are disgrowth and improvement. It is not hibited etchings in the National gal-tige that has never been challenged. man who has been in the death house the charm brought forth at a given lery. The others, without exception, The other universities scattered about at the penitentiary for 20 months, moment by the skill of an architect, had accomplished something of but England afford equal opportunities was removed to the main cell buildbut by the intermittent and overlap-slightly less prominence. Their ages for education, some of them even ing, where he will remain until disping efforts of a succession of in- ranged from 21 to 24, and they came boasting stronger faculties and a posal of his appeal to the supreme

from Chicago which has sent three chance had a hand in developing Sheffield, Leeds and others are quite sentence except those who have a Rhodes scholars to Oxford. I know those minds to such a maturity. The on a par with the two older institu- definite execution date set, will be it by sight and reputation—a row of best part of it all was their unassum-tions in these respects, but they are kept in the death house, Col. A. K. dusty highway by a plot of ground tenis and rowing, and their enthusiincessant honking of automobiles all more I went about Oxford and met highly paid professors, and affording livan, Greenville negro, will be reday long; behind, the roar of suburb- various groups, the more I was con- almost unlimited opportunity for moved from the death house this an trains at eight-minute intervals vinced that such men as these more specialization in technical work. I had the pleasure of seeing one of nearly approached the rule than the Oxford is not a democratic univer- ders for their removal were issued these boys in his new quarters. The exception. walls were hung with prints and ing no sound on the turf.

to dream over his reading. He has a high seriousness, leaving no stone | Some Rhodes scholars going to Ox-been closed and no church services or opportunity to cultivate his taste for mately to attain.

and Cambridge approach perfection, prestige on the campus, his popular- to discuss art or literature or topics and skillet.

The tendency among American col-fity with his associates, suffers from it. of the day. to emphasize the utilitarian phase of sult of our method of conducting they have an advantage in this re-

was learned today, stated that if athlibited by the average American boy aminations are infrequent, and the age undergraduate is prejudiced dear to the heart of an Englishman, torneys for Harrison desired an apport the faculty and the faculty against it. Thus arises the attitude many of which seem to us futile and peal to the entire court his order their life in a small Ohio is limited to a weekly conference toward the student who interests him-

Later I met others in places rang- time and money. Yet behind the ap- It is a humiliating fact that the Am- own purpose in going there. He will ing from Stamboul to Normandy, and parent case and leisure, there is an ericans were a laughingstock for the find it impossible to break through invariably they made the same im- amazing intellectual activity among rest of the term, and the Rhodes the reserve inherent in the English from a man's pression upon me. Their personali- the undergraduates—an activity that scholars blushed whenever the word boy, who makes few advances and rib. and she has been roasting him ties differ, but their point of view is not dissipated upon a score of out- "debating" was mentioned. The Engwas strikingly identical. They had side interests. I should like to recall lish boys spoke in a natural offhand length. The Englishman has not the learned to seek out the best in what- a few incidents that came to my no- manner, without a great deal of pre- disposition to encourage casual ac-An optimist, too, is usually a man ever engaged, their attention and tice to illustrate this point, for if we paration, without mechanical ges- quaintanceship, but he has a rare gift who wen't let the pessimist talk to they brought to this selective process base our judgments upon results, they tures, with no election-campaign for friendship of the highest quality,

love of the beautiful for its own world standing. Still another had uates of England and America.

From his window I could see a patch the debates between the undergradu- porting, unless they are holders of negroes are removed. Jeffords is of velvet lawn surrounded by ivy- ates or between undergraduates and an adequate scholarship. It is high- sentenced to die Friday. covered cloisters, and at one side a men of political prominence, at inter- ly individual in character and fosters | Bigham has been an occupant of lazy brook wandered among a profu- vals throughout the college year. I that spirit among its members. It is the death house since April, 1921, sion of flowering shrubs. Two mot- had the privilege of hearing a debate made up of a score of independent and was very much pleased to be retled deer were running beneath a between a member of the present Co- colleges, between which there is very moved to the cell building. In this grove of giant elms, their hoofs mak- alition cabinet and an undergraduate little intercourse. Its members are building he will have use of one of The latter attacked the policy of the presumed to be gentlemen of a defin- the entire corridors during the day. "A bit different from-," I remark- cabinet in no uncertain terms, driving ite social standing, with all the signif- At night he will be locked up the home several telling points, and quite icance that the word conveys to Eng- same as the other prisoners. He smiled. There was no need of unabashed by the prominence of the land. Of late years, and particular- Although removal makes escape a man he was challenging. In response ly since the war, there have been little easier, Colonel Sanders said, he His was an extreme case. There the minister was forced to exert him- changes in this last mespect, but the decided upon the new plan after mawere others who had been more fav- self to the utmost to defend himself spirit prevails. ored in their preparation for Oxford, and his colleagues, knowing full well | The undergraduates of Oxford are cord such prisoners under death senones whose early environment had that his speech would be quoted word the cream of English youth-and tence a little more opportunity for closely approximated its charm. Yet for word in every London paper the when I speak of Oxford I must neces- exercise, etc. Life in the death even these favored few were keenly fe'lowing day. It was no easy task, sarily include Cambridge—the sons house is extremely monotonous and conscious of that subtle difference By the brilliance of his thrusts and of those families which make up the not calculated to build up the morale which distinguishes the old university the coolness of his argument, the un- upper class in the stratified system of the prisoners. town from anything to be found in dergraduate had presented his case which England clings to despite all Boyd was convicted for attempted Three years of constant associa- ment could have done. In the minds from families of culture and refine- and Sullivan was convicted of killing tion with beauty cannot fail to leave of the referees the minister won his ment, and generally of means. They a negro man in Greenville county. their impress upon the least susceptase by a slight margin, and he re- have had every opportunity and ad- Both have appeals before the supreme tible mind. Peace and traquility ho-turned to London satisfied that he vantage in their preparatory work. court. ver over the ivy-wrapped cloisters had justified the existence of the Co- They do not come to Oxford raw and and the quiet waters of the Cherwell alition cabinet; for the Union debates unfinished, but are at that time as far and the ancient quadrangles. How- are a matter of national importance, advanced as many of our college ever bustling and animated may be A very large proportion of the men graduates. They have already masthe traffic in the town, there is always prominent in political life received tered the studies which take up the a restfulness behind the protecting their early training at Oxford and first two years in an American colwalls of the colleges. a feeling of Cambridge, and the two universities lege and are ready to devote themalcofness from the cares and worries are thus a natural beginning for the selves almost exclusively to the subof the world outside. The student men who conduct the affairs of the ject which most appeals to them-

ading. He has time to read, and who decides on a political task with a any other.

leges during the last decade has beet. It believe this attitude to be the re- Being the sons of the leisured class and our passion for system; he must

winner in an intercollegiate competi- If he fails of these respects, he us, it would seem a great waste of against a group from that university. the greatest benefit and defeats his tricks of inflection or thundering cli- which he offers to those who inspire ingly sound. At heart they were as One evening I found myself one of maxes. Instead, they relied upon a his confidence in their ability to rethoroughly American as could be a group of students who had gather-combination of good sense and deturn it in kind. found anywhere—good-natured, ag- ed by chance in the room of an Am- lightful humor to carry the day, and The American who fails to inspire gressive, and occasionally tumultu- erican. They were in no way diff- they did it with an ease and coolness this confidence, by not entering into

havior they represented the Ameri- group of seniors in any college. The The Americans conformed to the by not observing the niceties demandcan college, boy at his best. The sub- charm and polish of their conversa- teaching of their instructors and ed of a gentleman, finds himself shut. the difference, I decided, was the im- tion alone distinguished them. Before coaches, memorized their speeches off from social intercourse with the a very pleasant half-hour had slipped word for word, and found themselves best element of Oxford by a barrier "Surely," said Hawthorne, "the away I discovered that one of them utterly at a loss when confronted by that can never be surmounted. By world has not another place like Ox- had just published a first volume of the necessity of making a slight al- doing so, he can never hope to catch ford; it is a despair to see such a poems which had been highly praised teration in a preconceived plan of atplace and ever to leave it. for it by the best critics of the day, and, in tack. They had been taught to speak, of the finest product of our Anglowould take a lifetime and more than addition, that he had a play running but they had not been taught to Saxon civilization. That will remain one, to comprehend it and enjoy it in one of the London theaters. Still think. The outcome was not only a for him a sealed book forever. satisfactorily." The sheer beauty of more interesting was the discovery reflection upon our methods of dethe town alone would be enough to that another of the group had already bating; it furnished food for thought BIGHAM REMOVED instill a heightened appreciation of produced two novels and conducted a in considering the comparative mathings worth while, and to foster a literary column in a newspaper of turity of mind among the undergrad-

won first honors in the examinations There are no two colleges in Amfor the diplomatic corps and was only erica which hold a position compar-The beauty of Oxford is the result waiting to complete his course before able to that enjoyed by Oxford and Snement throughout centuries if slow important embassy. A fourth had extinguished from the others by a prest Edmund D. Bigham, the Pamplico from widely varying stations in life. more efficient organization. The uni-court. There is a small college not far Surely something more than mere versities of London, Manchester, Hereafter no prisoners under death

sity, in the usual sense of the word. yesterday. etchings. The shelves were full of The Union is an honored institu- It is expensive. It does not encour- Frank M. Jeffords will be the only books that spoke for themselves, tion in the university. Here are held age students who are not self-sup-occupant of the house after the two

as cleverly as any member of parlia- efforts to break it down. They come criminal assault in Richland county has time to read, and to dream over British empire. The undergraduate literature, history, law, economics, or

his mind to reason cool- unturrned in his efforts to equip him- ford with diplomas from representa- public gatherings of any kind are perdistassionately. He has ample self for the position he hopes ulti- tive American colleges are charrined at the thought of having to begin influenza. the best things of life. He has both There is a very strange attitude to- anew as freshmen. The delusion is time and opportunity to find himself ward debating in most of our Ameri- soon dissipated, for the 18 or 19 year and the niche he is best fitted to fill can colleges. A student who devotes old English boys fresh from the best Mrs. Alice Foote McDougall advishimself to that branch of activity is of preparatory schools are a match es wives to flirt with their husbands To a lesser degree this is true of ev- looked upon in much the same light for them in all but a few branches of to keep their love. Good advice if ery college the world over. Oxford as the one who dabbles in poetry. His study, and are often better equipped the flirting be done with frying pan

Man Sentenced to Die in Electric Learns to Seek Out the Best in education at the expense of the cul- classes in gratory and training de- spect over the scholar, who, however tural, although a reversal of the pen- bating teams. In general the student rich he may be in potentiality, has duluse seems imminent. Oxford has is taught the mechanical tricks of or- rarely had lavished upon him the care never swerved from its original nur- atory-the gestures, the stance, in- and attention that is the outgrown linging tenaciously and some- flections of the voice. To practice of many generations of intentimes absurdly to its archaic organ- these newly acquired wicks he is giv- superiority and financial case. I first came across Rhodes scholars ization and routine. The Rhodes on selections from Daniel Webster or | It is the privilege of the American n Italy, in a little village at the nor- scholar who goes to England to entity Robert Ingersoll to recite—a form of at Oxford, whether he is a Rhodes nern end of Lake Garda. Going in- himself for some definite activity in public speaking which is as obsolete scholar or an ordinary undergraduate, an ancient cathedral one morning, the world of finance labors under a today as a conch-and-four, except in to be thrown in intimate contact with Justice Cothran, at Green- I noticed two Americans inspecting delusion that is soon destroyed. Noth- those parts of the country where the this carefully chosen group. If he is grant a stay of execution the carved stone that made the church ing could be farther from the aim of spirit of the last century still flour- to derive the greatest benefit from the legality of the sentenc- worth seeing. In the next moment the learned m I who control the des- ishes. The inevitable outcome of such the opportunity, he must have a gena training is to make the student of uine love of study, an eagerness to oratory a mechanical machine, a glean as much as possible from the lated for a pilgrimage to Venice—a The difference is that between an speaker whose interest is more contrict heritage of our civilization; he typically American proceeding. In the educational institution and a seat of cerned with the details of correct definite cultivate the social graces that ould act as a fortnight that followed I had ample learning, between "studying" a cer- livery than with the subject-matter of he may take his place with young tain branch of learning and "read- his speech. Our intercollegiate de- men to whom these things come as a in that subject. There are no bates are for the most part uninter- matter of course; he must conform ter refusing the stay of execution, it was strikingly different from that ex- classroom recitations at Oxford, ex- esting for that reason, and the aver-

the spirit which pervades Oxford or

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red brick buildings separated from a ing manner, their love of cricket and conducted on lines more closely re- Sanders, superintendent of the prissembling the American universities, on, announced. Bradford Boyd, a set with scrubby trees. In front, an asm for the better things of life. The with the most modern equipment, Richland county negro, and Otto Sulmorning to the main cell building. Or-

'ture consideration in an effort to ac-

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